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1. On 30 June 1953, according to statistics of the central committee of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), there was a total CCP membership of 6,390,000 persons proportioned as follows: 180,000 in party offices on the central and subordinate levels; 1,400,000 in troop units; and 4,810,000 in party units throughout the mainland.¹
2. Approximately 250,000 members had been proscribed during the party consolidation campaign; after the consolidation campaign some 750,000 persons, of whom 500,000 were laborers, had been admitted to party membership.² As a result of this membership increase, the number of the CCP's basic units had been increased by more than 24,000 units.³
3. During 1953 and 1954 the central committee of the CCP planned to continue the proscription of unqualified members, admit more laborers, and maintain the party membership level at approximately 6,500,000.

25X1A Comments

1. According to another American agency, the 11 July 1953 issue of People's China contained a statement by AN Tzu-wen, deputy director of the CCP Organization Department, to the effect that present CCP membership totaled 6,100,000. AN also stated that the party reorganization campaign begun in 1951 was expected to be fully completed by the summer of 1954, and that the CCP was currently concentrating on the recruitment of industrial workers.

25X1A.2. preliminary statistics in April 1953 showed that about 59,000 new CCP members, mainly peasants, had been recruited during the party consolidation campaign held in mainland rural areas from November 1952 through March 1953. In an earlier report 25X1A

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this source quoted official party figures for the period from July to October 1952, stating that about 105,000 new members had been recruited during that period.

3. If source is basing his 24,000 figure on a 500,000 membership increase, it would seem to indicate that a Chinese Communist "basic party unit" is composed of 19-20 men.

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